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Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days Sept. 6-7

Autumn is soon here signaling a change of colors, harvest and back to school. It's also time for the semi-annual Sodbuster Days at Fort Ransom State Park on Sept. 6-7.

Sodbuster Days give visitors a look at how North Dakota's early settlers harvested the crops and celebrated a successful growing season. There are various historical demonstrations on both days, running Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Fort Ransom Sodbuster Association demonstrations include: field work, cooking, small engines, blacksmithing, horse drawn machinery, kids' crafts, wheelwright, thrashing, haying, kids games and live music – all part of living and working in early North Dakota. A pork supper is available on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. with adults charged \$11 and kids \$5.50. An old time jam session and Military Ball starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday kicks off with a pancake breakfast from 7 to 9:30 a.m.; a parade at 10:30 a.m.; Turn of the Century Style Show at 2 p.m.

The daily park fee is waived, but a \$7 fee will be charged per person with children ages 12 and under admitted free. There will be plenty of food and refreshments available throughout the event.

The event is sponsored by the Fort Ransom Sodbuster Association and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. Information on Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days can be found on the internet at <http://www.ransomcountynd.com> or by calling 701-973-4331. For more on Fort Ransom State Park go to <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.